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In re application of: Brian Mitchell Bass, et al.

Serial Number: 09/546,833

Examiner: LY, Anh Vu H

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Art Unit: 2667

For: Method and Apparatus for Processing Frame Classification Information  
Between Network Processors

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132**

Now comes the undersigned and declare as follows:

1. We are the co-inventors on the above-identified patent application and we are submitting this Declaration in support of the prosecution of this patent application.

2. We believe that we, Brian Mitchell Bass, Jean Louis Calvignac, Anthony Matteo Gallo, Marco C. Heddes, Michael Steven Siegel and Fabrice Jean Verplanken, are the co-inventors of the subject matter claimed in above-identified patent application and that we did conceive and invent the subject matter claimed in the above-identified patent application.

3. To the extent that any subject matter claimed in the above-identified patent application was included in United States Patent 6,775,284 B1 filed by Jean Louis Calvignac, Gordon Taylor Davis, Anthony Matteo Gallo, Marco C. Heddes, Ross Boyd Leavens, and Michael Steven Siegel, and United States Patent 6,760,776 B1 filed by Anthony Matteo Gallo, Natarajan Vaidhyanathan, Colin Beaton Verrilli and Gail Irene Woodland, we believe that such inclusion was based on details of the present invention disclosed by us, the inventors of the above-identified patent application. Thus, the parts of both patents which include material claimed in the above-identified patent application should be attributed to us.

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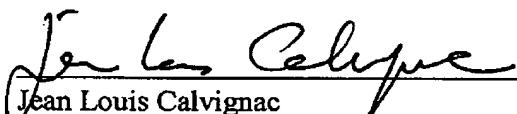
4. The inventors listed in paragraph 2 above and the inventors of Calvignac et al. And Gallo et al. patents listed in paragraph 3 above include common inventors. Further, all of the inventors listed in paragraphs 2 and 3 above were employed by International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) at the time the present invention was conceived. All of those inventors frequently exchanged information within IBM, including ideas about the design of the overall system which included the invention of the above-identified patent application, as well as other inventions.

5. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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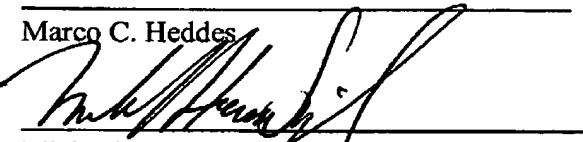
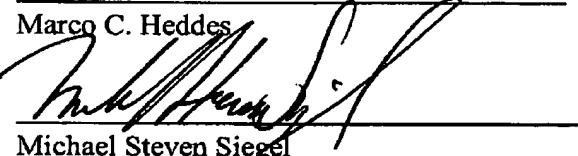
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